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## DEER BALANCE

### COURT RULES IN FAVOR; CONGRESS WILL STOP SALE?

Attorney General Denies He Authorizes Its Sale.

Warns Dealers To Go Easy on Face Prosecution.

COURT DECISION TO DECIDE?

Palmer Was Said To Have Been Waiting on It.

Liquor Interests Up in Air Over Confusing Statements.

Baltimore, July 1.—Judge John C. Rose, of the United States district court this afternoon sustained the demand of the Standard Brewing company of this city to the effect that the United States government in the manufacture of 2.75 per cent beer. The decision may mean continuation of the sale of 2.75 beer, as Attorney General Palmer said it would rest on the Baltimore case.

This decision on the one-half of one per cent beer, but it virtually means 2.75 per cent beer, as Judge Rose has put it up to the government to say what is intoxicating and what is not.

House to Stop Beer Sale?

Washington, July 1.—The house judiciary committee probably will meet next Monday to report on a straight bill for enforcement of wartime prohibitions to stop the sale of 15 per cent beer.

This plan virtually was agreed upon today after the leaders had decided to defer consideration of all prohibition legislation until next week. House leaders said if the bill were reported by the committee Monday or Tuesday it would be passed without extended debate and sent to the senate. At least they said, 2.75 per cent beer would be on the market less than two weeks.

Palmer Denies Lifting Beer Ban.

Washington, July 1.—Dealers who continue to sell beer in danger of arrest and prosecution. Attorney General Palmer said today.

Explaining his official statement of the course to be followed by the department of justice in enforcing wartime time prohibition and which left doubt as to whether dealers in 2.75 per cent beer would be prosecuted, Palmer said:

"I have not granted amnesty or authorized the sale of this beer." "My intention is that beer containing more than one-fifth of one per cent of alcohol is intoxicating," the attorney general declared. "This has been the ruling of the interstate revenue bureau for years, and we are presuming that is what is meant in the wartime prohibition act as passed by congress."

Palmer said, however, that it is not his intention to order wholesale arrests at present.

"We are endeavoring to get an immediate authoritative court decision as to what constitutes intoxicating beer in a case being tried today in Baltimore," he said.

"In the meantime district attorneys have not been authorized to ignore the sale of beer, nor have they been instructed to make any arrests. The department of last night is the only instructions that have gone out."

Avalis Congress Action.

"When congress defines what course will be followed in enforcing wartime time prohibition, we will be clear."

"The first list case the department had in New York was that 2.75 per cent held by the court that the question of what constitutes an intoxicant was a question of fact in each instance."

"It would not be surprising if several thousands over the country, in light of the present court rulings, that we would have to make a jury case of each."

"In the meantime we contend that the sale of beer in violation of the law is a crime, and that if congress is slow in passing enforcement laws, we may find it necessary to make wholesale arrests throughout the country."

Washington, July 1.—The whole nation woke today to a realization of prohibition. The banishment of the "eye opener" at the bar, long ago forgotten in memory, in which the brewery was all embracing. Only those who had been provided enough to "stock up" in advance for the long drought of beer could find comfort. The 2.75 per cent brew were able to carry out the time honored custom of starting the day with an early "bracer."

War time prohibition, however, for the time being all distilled liquors and leaving in a cloud the future of beer as effective as midnight. Resumption of beer from the list of forbidden beverages came as a result of an eleventh hour announcement by the department of justice that pending decisions in present litigation to determine whether a brew containing 2.75 per cent of alcohol is intoxicating, no action could be taken toward stopping the sale of beer containing more than that amount of alcohol.

Permit Sale of Light Beers.

Thus, pending court decisions or action of congress defining intoxicating beverages, sale of the lighter drinks in states in which the brewery regulatory laws will be permitted until January 16, when constitutional prohibition becomes effective. Other than this, the only ray of comfort left for anti-prohibitionists is the coming of the time when President Wilson will declare the repeal of the law.

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## MADE NO KICKS

### TOPEKANS PAID 6-CENT FARE WITH SMILE THIS MORNING.

Many Bought Ticket Slips From the Conductors.

IMPROVE SERVICE AT ONCE

Patten Promises New Schedules at Early Date.

No Decrease Shown in Patronage, It Is Reported.

Topekans paid 6 cents to get to work this morning. They boarded the street cars and dropped a nickel and penny in the box without the least change in the pleasant look on their faces. The era of high street car fare here was ushered in without comment and without interruption of service or lessening of traffic. Conductors are using less pennies in making change than was expected, and the sale of the strips of five tickets for 30 cents far exceeds the expectation of the company officials.

The revision of schedules has not yet taken place. Howard Patten, superintendent, said today that this matter would be taken up immediately and discussed with the public utilities commission and a system agreed upon. This action will be taken at once, in order that the public may receive the benefit of the better service almost simultaneously with the increase in fare.

Will Repair Cars.

As soon as the new schedule has been worked out and agreed upon it will be put into effect today—two hauled and flat wheels removed. In the meantime the present service will be continued and the extra service will be the rush hour morning and evening will be maintained.

In spite of the mutterings heard before the decision of the utilities commission was handed down, Topeka resigned herself to her fate this morning and paid the extra cost without protest. So far as could be learned, not one passenger refused to pay or quarreled with the conductor about it.

Did Kicking on Street.

The kicking was confined mostly to the kicking of heels on the sidewalks by the few who walked to work rather than pay the advanced fare. But these were very few and there was no noticeable decrease in the usual number of passengers on any line.

Patten said, "The fact that the extra charge helped immensely. Beside, a majority of them bought strips of tickets for five cents, and the extra charge was paid for the first day. There were no complaints that I know of."

## AIDS HER IN WORK

### K. D. SMITH, Y. M. C. A. CLERK, CO-RESPONDENT IN DIVORCE SUIT.

Wealthy Leavitt Family Aims Troubles in Court Room.

HUSBAND MADE A THREAT?

Resents Roomer Helping Wife With Washing and Ironing.

Father of Defendant Was Well Known Topeka Merchant.

K. D. Smith, a clerk in the Y. M. C. A., named as a co-respondent in an answer and cross petition by Harrison Leavitt, son of a former wealthy Topeka, spent the entire morning in Judge George H. Whitcomb's court today explaining his admitted friendship with Mrs. Mattie B. Leavitt, 381 Jackson street. Leavitt has a life interest in considerable Topeka property left by his father, the late S. L. Leavitt, who at one time owned the Warren M. Crosby store and who is credited with being the first man in Topeka to own an automobile.

Smith was a roomer in the Leavitt home, and he admitted on the witness stand that he had been called by telephone by H. Ward Page, Leavitt's attorney, and told Leavitt might shoot him. Smith admitted he helped break the house with Mrs. Leavitt, helped her do the washing in the basement, prepared broth and buttered toast for her while she took her to the picture shows and to the parks and made himself, in the words of Leavitt's attorney, "A Servant in the House."

Smith Explains It.

"But," he cried shaking his fist at Leavitt, "I defy any man to say there was anything improper in my conduct. Mrs. Leavitt let me have my room for a month cheaper for helping her. Leavitt told me it was all right for me to take pictures, shows and what didn't object because I took her broth and buttered toast when she was ill."

Leavitt's attorney asked Smith if it were not true that after the death of his wife Mrs. Leavitt carried him food to his room at 1614 Van Buren street, where he lived before moving into the national-wide strike of the Commercial. Also on cross-examination he admitted that Mrs. Campbell, the landlady at the Van Buren house, spoke to him of the picture on the picture on Mrs. Campbell was in the court room.

Drove Away Blues.

"Yes, she did," replied Smith, "and I told her it was no more than right someone should take an interest in me and brace me up while I had the blues."

"And," he burst out vehemently, "Mrs. Campbell told me I was her first friend and I had cast her aside. Partly rising from his chair, Smith pointed to Mrs. Campbell and cried: 'Yes you did say that, Mrs. Campbell!'"

Husband Plays Solitaire.

Smith told the court he had remonstrated with Leavitt for cursing his wife and had been told it was "none of his business." Leavitt didn't work and smoked his pipe and played solitaire most of the time.

Smith's testimony occupied the entire morning. There are several other witnesses. Mrs. Leavitt filed a petition for divorce, charging Leavitt with habitual drunkenness and with cursing her and questioning her character. She demands \$1,500 permanent alimony and undivided interest in property in the Leavitt name in Wichita.

In his answer and cross petition Smith admitted he had been a drummer on commercial business which went into effect, June 12, in connection with the national-wide strike of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.

The order was issued by E. J. Manion, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers cancelling the ban on commercial business which went into effect, June 12, in connection with the national-wide strike of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.

The action of the railroad telegraphers was taken, said President Manion, because of failure of commercial operators to make their strike effective and also the obligation of the order to the public and the railroad administration.

Members of the order, who number 800, however, were instructed to refrain from handling any excess diverted to railroad offices by the commercial companies.

Telegraphic communication with thousands of smaller towns throughout the country, which has been tied up as a result of the refusal of the railroad operators to handle commercial messages, will be resumed immediately in accordance with President Manion's instructions.

## NOW THAT THE PEACE TREATY IS SIGNED, AND THE WAR OVER, AN EVENING



## QUIT THE STRIKE

### Railroad Keymen Will Again Handle Commercial Wire.

Ordered To Take W. U. and Postal Telegrams.

PUT BAN ON THEM JUNE 12

Acted in Connection With National Wire Walkout.

Repeat of Order May Indicate Break in Strike.

## NO RAIN PREDICTED

### Fair and Continued Warm Weather Scheduled for Kansas.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR KANSAS: Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Wednesday.

TEMPERATURES TODAY:

7 o'clock	71	11 o'clock	73
8 o'clock	72	12 o'clock	75
9 o'clock	74	1 o'clock	76
10 o'clock	75	2 o'clock	76

Fair, warm weather will continue through today and tomorrow according to F. A. Math, observer. Temperatures will probably reach 80 degrees late this afternoon. Tomorrow may be even warmer.

In the last 24 hours very little rain has occurred in Kansas. There were a few scattered showers in the southern part of the state. At Liberal there was a precipitation of 3.25 inches. Queenemo reported 1.05 inches. Besides these two rains there were only a few light showers. Some rain fell in Missouri. At Jacksonville, Fla., a (Continued on Page Two)

## ALL CROPS GOOD

### C. B. Merriam Back From 600-Mile Trip Over Kansas

Little Wheat Lost Because of Being Down, He Says.

CORN ALSO IS LOOKING GOOD

Kent O. Mitchell of Chicago Says Kansas Is Great.

Looks Better Than Other Western States, He Asserts.

## HOPPERS IN KAN.

### Millions of Them Are Destroying Wheat Now.

That's Report Pettijohn Brings to Topeka Today.

MUST GET CROP CUT QUICKLY

Yield Already Reduced in Many Parts of State.

Further Effort Made To Get Reduced Railroad Rates.

Grasshoppers—millions of them—have descended on the western Kansas wheat crop and threaten the devastation of many big fields. Labor conditions are alarming and business has been virtually suspended in many towns while volunteer workers help save the crop. The Dodge City chamber of commerce is planning to charter a special train to bring 1,000 harvesters from Chicago and eastern points. Expenses will be paid by the farmers.

That is the story of conditions in the big wheat producing territory of Ford, Gray and adjoining counties as brought to Topeka today by L. J. Pettijohn, secretary of state. Pettijohn has lived in Ford county more than thirty years and knows conditions perfectly. His statement of the serious problem facing wheat growers is based on a drive of more than 300 miles thru Ford and adjoining counties.

Must Have Labor Relief.

For the first time this season the hopper invasion assumed serious aspects in the report which Pettijohn brought to Topeka. He declared that only immediate relief from the labor shortage would save heavy losses. It is estimated that in some fields in Ford county grasshoppers will destroy 20 to 35 per cent of the crop.

"Millions of grasshoppers have suddenly appeared in the Ford and Gray county wheat fields," Pettijohn stated today. "Saturday I drove more than 250 miles. I made another drive Sunday. The conditions which I found threaten almost devastation of many big fields. I made another drive Sunday to 1,500 men at once. If these men are not secured, farmers face a tremendous loss."

For the sake of the banner wheat counties of Kansas. Several days ago Sam Stubbs, well known Dodge City merchant, predicted the county would produce more wheat than any county in the state.

Yield Already Reduced.

"The yield has already been reduced by the grasshoppers," said Pettijohn. "They were the cause of the loss. They promptly cutting of the crop will prevent a heavy loss. Business has practically been suspended in several towns in order to help the farmers. Almost every business house in Dodge City now closes early in order that the wheat harvesters may go to the wheat fields."

Many western farmers have advanced money for transportation to (Continued on Page Seven)

## FOURTH A BIG DAY

### Topeka Will Welcome Home 5,000 Negro Troops.

Will Parade in Triumphant March Up Kansas Ave.

CAKE AND CHICKEN FEED

35th and 89th Heroes To Be at Gage Park.

After Basket Lunch Will Come State House Affairs.

Fourth of July, 1919, like Decoration day of the same year, is to be a day of tremendous significance in the annals of the city and of the state. It is to be the day Kansas welcomes home the last of her sons who went to the world war.

On Fourth of July the 80th and 88th regiments of infantry of the Ninety-second division will parade in Topeka. Kansas negro fighters will come home, will receive the plaudits of gathered thousands, will parade in a march triumphant. Kansas negro troops—5,000 there will be given the identical welcome which was accorded the troops of the famous Thirty-fifth and Eighty-ninth divisions.

Word was received today by the military committee of the Chamber of Commerce that the 80th and 88th infantry regiments had left Camp Upton for Funston and that the two regiments would stop off in Topeka three hours before parade.

Plans Are Under Way.

Immediately upon receipt of the word the military committee began laying its plans for the reception for the troops. This is especially apparent in that the black fighters just the same as it did the white ones. A call will be issued to the colored people of Topeka to bring sufficient fried chicken to feed the thousands of negro fighting men who will be in Topeka as members of one of the two regiments. It is especially appropriate for the fighters of the black race, inasmuch as it is proverbial the love of the negro for the toothsome flesh of fowl.

Cakes by the thousands are also wanted and the call has gone forth already for the preparation of thousands of toothsome frosted cakes. It is expected that many thousands of Topeka citizens will be on hand so that the warriors of the big park will be but a black man's walk before noon of the day's festivities is for the soldiers of the Thirty-fifth and Eighty-ninth divisions.

Festivities at State House.

After the banquet-on-the-grass the scene of festivity will change to the state house grounds. It is here that Maj. Gen. William M. Wright will deliver his talk. It is also at this point that the decoration of 2,000 men of the 35th and 89th divisions will take place. The Shawnee county war medal will be pinned to the breasts of the white soldiers as a feature of the entertainment.

At the state house grounds a big refreshment booth will be maintained (Continued on Page Seven)

## WILSON TO SPEAK

### President Will Make Address at New York on Arrival.

Think He'll Launch Fight for League and Treaty.

## WILL LAND TUESDAY

### President's Ship Making Good Time Thru Smooth Seas.

(By Wireless to the United Press.)

Aboard the George Washington, July 1.—Averaging sixteen and a half knots an hour, thru smooth seas the George Washington is making good time to reach New York next Tuesday. If advantage can be taken of the morning breeze, the ship should arrive before noon that day. Otherwise she will be delayed until about 2 p. m.

The president is varying his study of executive papers with tours of the deck.

## EX-KAISER GETS NEWS

### But It's Impossible To Learn How He Took Treaty Signing.

(By the Associated Press.)

Amerongen, Saturday, June 28.—News of the signing of the treaty of peace at Versailles has been taken by Amerongen castle tonight by the correspondent of the Associated Press. The entourage of the former German emperor appeared to regard the event calmly, because they had been convinced that the ceremony was inevitable. The president of the German empire, however, had arrived at Versailles and would sign the treaty.

It was impossible to learn from those in the castle and near the former emperor how he had received the news.

## IN BIG "RED" HAUL

### Seiz: Tons of Bolshevik and Socialist Literature in Montreal.

Montreal, July 1.—Tons of Bolshevik and Socialist literature were seized in a raid on the foreign quarters of the city conducted early today by 18 patrolmen under the direction of Chief of Police Berlinger.

MUST CUT DOWN EXPENSES.

So Austrian Peace Delegates "Move" to Their Government Hard Up.

St. Germain, Monday, June 29.—The Austrian delegation has moved into smaller quarters in an endeavor to save its impoverished government from the expense imposed upon it by the delegation by its long sojourn here.

## STAMPS GO DOWN

### At Same Time Newspaper Mailing Rate Is Increased.

Two Cents Now Carries Letter—One Cent Postcard.

## CONGRESS TO GET BUSY

### Must Define Intoxicating Liquor, Drys Assert.

Washington, July 1.—Law enforcement officials in Topeka will mean the hasty enactment of strict enforcement legislation, prohibition leaders in congress today declared.

The drys, headed by Chairman Volstead of the judiciary committee, will press the enforcement bill early next week, asking for a special rule so that it may be considered immediately.

The apparent confusion over enforcement of wartime prohibition legislation has been cleared up, Volstead said, "and with the large dry majority in congress I am sure this can be readily approved. What congress must do as speedily as possible is to define 'intoxicating liquor' and prevent all this litigation that may defeat the purpose of prohibition. Every state that has prohibition laws has agreed upon the minimum amount of alcohol that makes liquor intoxicating."

Dry plans may be delayed, however, due to insistence of some prohibitionists in the judiciary committee on coupling war time enforcement and constitutional enforcement legislation in the same measure. The drastic provisions of the constitutional enforcement measure may cause a long debate with many efforts for amendment.

"Wets" on the judiciary committee, in filing their objections to the repeal of Chairman Volstead, made resolute, say they will insist that congress take no action on the prohibition act until it has passed a law prohibiting the sale of liquor. They also plan to insist on concurrent ratification of prohibition enforcement legislation by the states before any action can be taken thereon. Representative, Steele, Pennsylvania; Isaac and Dyer, Missouri; Gard, Ohio, and Classon, Wisconsin, will sign this report.

## AIR MAIL ON ISTHMUS

### Colombia Plans To Institute Three Routes of Service.

Washington, July 1.—Colombia plans to institute an aerial mail service over three routes, one between Bogota, the capital, and Barranquilla, the second between Bogota and Pasto and the third between Bogota and Cucuta.

## HE RODE A CAMEL

### Bryan, Astride Emblematic "Dry" Steed, Leads John B. to Grave.

Columbus, O., July 1.—The demise of John Barleycorn was celebrated at Methodist centenary exposition today by a procession in which William Jennings Bryan, riding a camel, and anti-alcoholists representing the two old line parties, a hearse bearing several demijohns and water wagon were featured. Speakers of the day were Mr. Bryan, Anna Gordon, national president of the W. C. T. U., and Rev. Purley A. Baker, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league.

## GIRL HARVESTER KILLED

### Kansas Young Woman Helping Father Falls Under Binder.

Great Bend, Kan., July 1.—While aiding her father because of the shortage of harvest help, Miss Mary Tenka, 25, was killed in a wheat field near Holsington late yesterday when a team of horses ran away, she falling under the binder.

## READY FOR "HOP"

### R-34 Will Start Ocean Flight Early Wednesday Morning.

Big British Blimp Plans Non-Stop Voyage to U. S.

## IN NEW REXALL STORE

### Tully-McFarland Take Over Brunt Business Place Today.

Beginning today Topeka has two Rexall drug stores instead of one. The Brunt-Martin Drug company of Chicago has passed into the hands of the Tully-McFarland company this morning.

The Tully-McFarland Drug company came into being in Topeka some four or five years ago when it took over the old Matt Weightman store at Ninth and Kansas avenue. The opening of the Brunt-Martin store today at the national headquarters of the first chain drug store advance in the city.

The Brunt-Martin company was an old firm in Topeka, the its name is a misnomer. The property until today was solely in the possession of J. M. Brunt and his nephew H. E. Brunt. Baker, national superintendent of the company some months ago. J. M. Brunt has been in business in Topeka for fourteen years. He will leave about the first of August for California where he expects to go into the wholesale and retail candy business at one of the beach resorts.

## STRIKE FOR MOSCOW

### Anti-Bolshevik Advance—Reds Suffer Severe Defeats.

London July 1.—Anti-Bolshevik forces are advancing against Kursk 250 miles south of Moscow, and Voronezh, hoping to find a way to Moscow, according to a Russian wireless message quoting the official Bolshevik Ivestia.

It is added the Bolshevik suffered a severe defeat at Kharkov 150 miles south of Kursk, and have also lost Ekaterinoslav, 115 miles southwest of Kharkov.

## LIGHTNING KILLS FARMER

### Clay Center, Kan., July 1.—Lightning late yesterday struck and killed Wellington Youse, young farmer of near Lyonford, while he was harvesting wheat.